

# Be a part of your magazine

## Send Your Photos to Soldiers



**S**oldiers wants you, your family and friends to be part of our hottest issue of the year. We're already planning our 2002 almanac and once again need your help.

A large part of each almanac is "This Is Our Army," a photo feature that tells the Army story at the local level.

If you have candid photos of the Army family at work or play, send them in. **Mail your best photos to us by Sept. 1. There's only one rule — all photos must be taken between Aug. 16, 2000, and Aug. 15, 2001.**

**Soldiers** requires color prints or slides. We don't need fancy 8x10 prints — regular 4x6 prints will do. We can accept digital images, but they must be very high resolution (minimum is 5x7 at 300 dpi), the kind taken with a professional digital camera. If your images can fit onto a floppy disk, they are too small. Please do not send prints made from digital images. Also, please **DO NOT** e-mail photo submissions.

To enter, complete a copy of the form below and attach it to each photo you send. Photos without complete caption information will not be considered. Photos and accompanying information cannot be returned.

If you have questions, contact our photo editor by phone at (703) 806-4504 or (DSN) 656-4504, or via e-mail to [soldiers@belvoir.army.mil](mailto:soldiers@belvoir.army.mil).

Mail your entries with prints or slides to: **Soldiers; ATTN: Photo Editor; 9325 Gunston Rd., Suite S-108; Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5581.**

**Want more tips on shooting photos? See page 29 of this issue.**

### 10 Tips for Photo Success

**M**ORE than half the photos we receive each year never make it to the final selection process, mostly for avoidable reasons. Follow these simple tips to be sure your photos have the best chance of being selected.

**1.** Complete the accompanying entry form and carefully attach it to the back of each photo you send, or provide a way of linking it to each image.

**2.** Make sure your package is postmarked by the Sept. 1 deadline.

**3.** Send only photos taken between Aug. 16, 2000, and Aug. 15, 2001.

**4.** Check closely to be sure your photos don't show obvious uniform or safety violations.

**5.** Identify people in each photo by full name, rank and correct unit designation; and provide a means of contacting you if we have any questions about the information you've sent.

**6.** Don't send snapshots of people staring into the camera. Candid photos are usually better.

**7.** Send only quality images: No Polaroids; no out-of-focus, discolored or torn images; and no prints from digital images.

**8.** Don't write on the back of your prints, because this may damage the images. Also, avoid using staples and paper clips on photos.

**9.** Protect your images. Use cardboard to reinforce your package before you mail.

**10.** If you plan to send digital images, follow the guidelines in our Style Guide, posted on **Soldiers Online** at [www.dtic.mil/soldiers](http://www.dtic.mil/soldiers).

## Soldiers

### "This Is Our Army" Entry Form

Photographer's full name (and rank if military) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City (APO) \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Photocopy this entry form and attach a copy to each photo you submit.

Where and when was the photo taken? (Use approximate date if necessary.)


Describe the action in the photo. (Include full name, rank and unit of those pictured.)


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